

**MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2016**

The Manistee City Council met in a work session on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 7 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan 49660.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Colleen Kenny, Lynda Beaton, Roger Zielinski, Robert Goodspeed, James Smith, Mark Wittlieff, Eric Gustad

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager, City Attorney, Department Directors, City Engineer, Alliance for Economic Success, Media, Public

***Public Comments.***

➤ None

***Discussion on Downtown Trees.*** Jeff Reau gave a brief history of the program, based on prior Mayors Exchange with Big Rapids as a start point. Received micro-grant for trees (\$4,000 with grant and DDA contribution). Cost to get trees in planters was cost prohibitive so grant was repurposed for invasive species mitigation. DDA no longer looking at a downtown tree program.

***Discussion on Fireworks.*** City Attorney talked about numerous House and Senate bills regarding fireworks. Discussion among Council on current ordinance and various modifications attempted in the past. Varied opinions offered by Council. Majority of Council would like a more restrictive ordinance (allowed per State law) and more latitude around the Fourth of July.

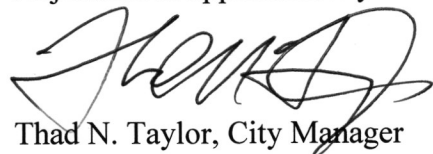
**CONSENSUS:** Work with City Attorney on a draft ordinance amendment. Present at a future meeting for Council consideration.

***Discussion on Strategic Plan Update.*** Facilitator Tamara Buswinka discussed her impression of the process and received a consensus of Council. Began the process with a discussion and review of the current strategic plan document.

Reviewed the mission / vision / purpose statements – began discussion on current goals to determine if they are still valid, and if not, eliminate and/or revise to some degree.

**CONSENSUS:** A special Council meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2016 to continue review and plan updates.

Adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.



Thad N. Taylor, City Manager